

A Public Safety Perspective on the JP, Precinct 4 Race

After nearly 40 years in public safety - including serving as Victoria's Chief of Police and later as Assistant City Manager - I learned that the most important quality in leadership roles is judgment. Not ideology. Not ambition. Judgment developed over time, under real responsibility.

That's why Valarie and I are supporting Vance Riley for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4.

During my career, I was responsible for overseeing both police, fire, and emergency medical services departments. I understand what it means to manage professionals, enforce standards, and make decisions that affect people's lives and livelihoods. Those responsibilities require fairness, consistency, and the ability to remain calm under real-life pressures.

Vance Riley brings that kind of experience to this race. His career in public safety required him to lead people, manage public resources, and make difficult decisions where there were real consequences in getting it wrong. That background matters for Justice of the Peace, a role that often serves as the public's first point of contact with the legal system. As I have known Vance Riley since we were teenagers who shared a common interest in public service, I am confident that his values and commitment have only deepened.

The JP court handles matters that can directly affect housing, employment, and family stability. People appearing before that court deserve to be treated with respect and judged fairly, based on the facts and the law. I have worked hand in hand over my career with magistrates and justices of the peace to ensure a fair and equitable process in our community and court systems, and I can assure Victoria County residents that Vance Riley fits the bill to represent Precinct 4 in an honorable and unbiased fashion.

Based on my professional experience, Vance Riley has the temperament, discipline, and judgment this role demands. Both my wife, Valerie (Dick), and I believe that Vance Riley would serve the community well as Justice of the Peace, and ask for your support for Candidate Vance Riley.

- Bruce Ure and Valarie (Dick) Ure

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